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It's Law: Main Street Financial Reform Will Help Illinois



(Rep. Hultgren joins Speaker Ryan for signing of S. 2155)

This week, I joined the House signing of the Economic Growth, Regulatory Relief, and Consumer Protection Act which was then signed into law by the President. In it are bipartisan reforms that make it easier for Illinois small businesses to get a loan, remove unnecessary obstacles to home ownership and ensure community financial institutions have opportunities to compete with too-big-to-fail banks.

Among other bills included that I fought for are two I authored: H.R. 4725, the Community Bank Reporting Relief Act and H.R. 1675, the Encouraging Employee Ownership Act.

[Click here for much more in this important reform legislation.](#)

VA Should Measure Value and Outcomes for Veterans



As we remember those past and present who protect our nation, it's time taxpayers saw their return on investment at the VA.

For example, federal agencies are focused on using data to make crucial Medicare and Medicaid reimbursement reforms that pay for patient outcomes instead of volume of services. The objective is not only a greater ROI in terms of dollars spent, but a more meaningful ROI when it comes to a patient's experience, recovery and quality of life. The same thinking should be applied to the VA and the veterans they serve.

[Click here to read my remarks submitted for the record of the House Committee on Veterans' Affairs](#)

Israel Celebrates 70 Years of the Statehood



With great celebration and admiration, I congratulate the State of Israel on its 70 years of statehood this month. In an unsettled Middle East, Israel remains a stable and free democracy, an unwavering ally and a close friend. Since the United States was the first country to recognize the State of Israel, our two nations have enjoyed close ties and a strong heritage together. I have had the privilege to travel to Israel several times and see firsthand the boundless spirit of the Israeli people, their innovation and entrepreneurship, their courage in the face of danger, their service to needy neighbors and their desire to simply live in peace.

I have cosponsored House Resolution 835, which calls for all nations to grant full diplomatic recognition and robust relations with Israel. America stands with Israel, and I trust our alliance will only grow stronger as we enter another 70 years of friendship.

Art Competition Winners Announced



(1st place winner "Lily" by Sydney Berenyi)

I want to give a big congratulations to Sydney Berenyi of Oswego High School whose piece, "Lily," won from the 14th Congressional District. This year we had an excellent showing from Congressional Art Competition participants, and I congratulate Sydney (1st) and Lauren (2nd) of Oswego High School, Hannah (3rd) of Geneva

High School, Gabi, Bridget and Sophie (our three Judge's Award Winners) and all 57 participants!

[Make sure to view all of the excellent art submissions here.](#)

[Click here for the complete list of winners.](#)

Supporting Residents with Developmental Disabilities

At Marklund Hyde Center in Geneva I learned from their wonderful staff about the wide range of services they offer children and adults with profound developmental disabilities. Seeing their work firsthand informs my work in Congress as member of the Bipartisan Disabilities Caucus.



(Rep. Hultgren visits constituents at Marklund Hyde Center)

Remembering Those Who Have Borne the Battle



This weekend, as we remember our brave service members who have passed away, we cannot help but thank those who are currently serving us today. Thank you for putting your lives on the line to protect this great country. I look forward to seeing you and your families at events throughout the weekend, including the Warrenville VFW Post 8081 ceremony on Memorial Day.

[Learn more about my legislative record on veterans issues here.](#)

In Your Service,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Randy'.

*Randy Hultgren
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14th District, Illinois*

Randy in the News

- [An 'Exploration Exhibition' to launch the new Planetary Science Caucus](#) (Planetary Society)
- [Blockchain Is 'World-Changing', Says U.S. Congressman During Supply Chain Hearing](#) (Coin Telegraph)
- [Hultgren praises Congressional rollback of Dodd-Frank financial regulations](#) (Illinois News Network)
- [Hultgren supports Congress gaining more VA insight, oversight](#) (The Ripon Advance)

- [Lobbying intensifies for advance refundings](#) (The Bond Buyer)
- [Op-ed: Why mayors are 'completely baffled' by loss of advance refunding](#) (The Bond Buyer)

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